



**City Of San Diego
COUNCILMEMBER JIM MADAFFER
DISTRICT SEVEN**

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DATE: **August 16, 2006**

TO: **Mayor Jerry Sanders**

FROM: **Councilmember Jim Madaffer** *Jim Madaffer*

SUBJECT: **Mini Dorm Community Forum September 19 and discussion at
LU&H on September 27**

On Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the College Avenue Baptist Church. I will be hosting a community forum specifically focusing on the escalation of mini dorms in the College Area and what the City can do to stem the tide. Single family residences are being purchased by several developers. Garages are being converted into living spaces and bedrooms are being added at an alarming rate. The single family home is being replaced by as many as 11 students living in one home, and as long as the house is listed as having four bedrooms or less, there are no off-street parking regulations.

Mini dorms are critically impacting the quality of life in many neighborhoods of San Diego. While I am sensitive to the housing needs of our City's student populations, I still have a responsibility to protect the overall welfare of all of my constituents and to protect them from the negative impacts this housing phenomenon is causing.

Last year, at my request, past Director of Neighborhood Code Compliance, Marcia Samuels, held several internal meetings with department heads from the City Attorney's office, Neighborhood Code Compliance, and Development Services to discuss what action the City could take in curtailing the rapidly increasing number of mini dorms. The particular location, with the most problems is in the College Area near SDSU, and there is a growing concern in the neighborhoods of Pacific Beach, La Jolla, Kearny Mesa and the Navajo Community.

It is my understanding the chairmanship of this committee was passed on to Gary Halpert when Ms. Samuels moved to the Mayor's office.

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Councilmember Jim Madaffer
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I am requesting City staff participate in this community forum to provide the residents a clear picture of what the City can currently do, provide staff recommendations, including introducing new legislation, at the local and/or state level, to curtail this growing problem.

At the September 27 meeting of the LU&H Committee, I plan to hold a workshop to discuss possible City solutions for curtailing mini dorm nuisances. I am requesting City Staff be on hand to participate in this workshop as well.

I am requesting the following City Staff participate in the September 19 Community Forum and the Department heads and/or their designate participate in a report to LU&H on September 27:

Neighborhood Code Compliance

Sheri Carr, Acting Director for Neighborhood Code Compliance
Keith Ross, Land Development Investigator
Curtis Hussey, Zoning Investigator

City Attorney

Makini Hammond, Deputy City Attorney - Civil Matters
Dianne Silva Martinez, Deputy City Attorney – Land Use
Kristin Beattie, Mid-City Prosecutor

San Diego Police Department

Lt. Todd Jarvis, Mid City – College Area
Richard Fox, CRO for the College Area

Development Services

Kelly Broughton, Deputy Director

Government Liaison

Brent Eidson, Deputy Director

Thank you for your attention to this issue

CC: Honorable Members of the City Council
Andrea Tevlin, IBA
City Clerk Liz Maland
City Attorney Michael Aguirre